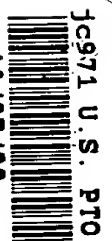


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- ☐ continuation
- ☒ continuation-in-part
- ☐ divisional

application of pending prior Application No. 09/055,825 filed on 04/06/98.

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Title: **REVERSE OPTICAL MASTERING FOR DATA STORAGE DISKS**

1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. ☒ Enclosed is a new specification. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
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This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/055,825 filed on 04/06/98; now abandoned --
6. ☐ Please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_.
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9. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

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